

May 20, 1997

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 28, 1997

Phoenix Museum of History, Public Hall

Heritage & Science Park

105 North Fifth Street, Phoenix (see enclosed map)

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Phoenix Museum of History - Atrium

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host the dinner for Regional Council members. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
May 28, 1997**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of April 30, 1997 Meeting Minutes

4. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.

5. Showcased Agency Introduction

Mayor
Vasiloff

As part of the MAG restructuring effort, an opportunity is provided for a MAG member agency to showcase its community. The City of Litchfield Park will showcase their community at this meeting.

6. Executive Director's Report

James
Bourey

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

3. Review and approve April 30, 1997 meeting minutes.

4. For information.

5. For information and discussion.

6. For information and discussion.

7. For information, discussion and approval of the Consent Agenda.

*** ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT****TRANSPORTATION ITEM**

- *8. Intelligent Transportation System Committee Draft Roles and Responsibilities

Terry
Johnson

In October 1996, the Regional Council approved the formation of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Committee. Two meetings of the Committee have been held, and draft roles and responsibilities for the Committee have been defined. On April 30, 1997, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the ITS draft roles and responsibilities. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. For information, discussion and approval of the Draft Roles and Responsibilities for the MAG Intelligent Transportation System Committee.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

- *9. Conformity Consultation for I-17/Bell Road Park-and-Ride Lot

Roger
Herzog

The federal Environmental Protection Agency regulations require an air quality conformity determination to be made prior to the approval of a federally funded highway or transit project. The City of Phoenix has prepared draft conformity findings for a new Park-and-Ride lot to be constructed in the vicinity of Interstate 17 and Bell Road. As the agency responsible for approving and implementing the project, the City of Phoenix is required to make a conformity determination. In accordance with adopted MAG procedures, the City of Phoenix has provided documentation of its conformity findings to MAG for consultation. The deadline for submitting comments to MAG is May 23, 1997. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. For information, discussion and consultation.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

10. Revised Loan Reimbursement Guidelines Recommended by the MAG Ad Hoc Transportation Study Group

James
Bourey

In March 1996, the Chairman of the Regional Council appointed members to the Ad Hoc Transportation Study Group to examine and make recommendations regarding financing alternatives for accelerating the MAG Regional Freeway System. The Group was comprised of nine city managers from throughout the region. The Group held three meetings, and extensively reviewed the Loan Reimbursement Guidelines for the MAG Regional Freeway System. These Guidelines were approved by the Regional Council in February 1995. The Group recommended revising the Guidelines primarily relating to the sharing of inflation savings associated with accelerating a project. The Group recommended that the savings resulting from project accelerations be divided equally between the MAG Regional Freeway Program and the jurisdiction(s) making the loan. The Group recommended that the savings be based on the ADOT discount factor and that ADOT set the discount factor annually. The Management Committee recommended approval of the revised loan guidelines. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Requested Changes to the MAG Freeway Program

Eric
Anderson

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has requested changes to the Draft Tentative 1998-2006 Life Cycle Regional Freeway Program. Most of the changes involve repackaging of projects and do not impact the Program's schedule or budget. Repackaging is done to refine the projects so that the Program elements can be delivered more efficiently. Three requested changes, however, impact the budget of the Program. These include a \$671,000 payment for the use of Bureau of Reclamation land north of the Central Arizona Project, a \$2.85 million increase for frontage roads for the Shea Boulevard to Pima section

10. For information, discussion and approval of the revised Loan Reimbursement Guidelines for the MAG Regional Freeway System.

11. For information, discussion and approval of the requested changes to the MAG Regional Freeway Program.

north of Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard, and a \$500,000 increase in the design change order budget. In addition, the I-17 to 56th Street interim construction project is being delayed by two months since the Environmental Impact Statement has not yet been finalized. The MAG Fiscal Analysis Unit reviewed the requested changes and recommended approval. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. Close Out of FY 1997 MAG Federally-Funded Program

Paul
Ward

On April 30, 1997, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) reviewed the close out of the FY 1997 MAG federally funded program. The TRC is recommending three actions: 1) carrying forward projects; 2) utilizing the obligation authority from these carry forward projects to accelerate the purchase of transit vehicles from FY 1998 to FY 1997; and 3) requesting redistributed obligation authority to increase the level of federal funding for existing local projects. The procedures used to close out the 1997 federal fiscal year were developed by the seven-member Ad Hoc Committee on the Process for Relocation of MAG Federal Funds. The Regional Council approved these procedures in November 1995. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendations of the TRC. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. For information, discussion and approval of the following projects:

1) Carry forward the following projects totaling \$2.6 million: Maricopa County, McClintock Rd, Red Mountain Freeway to McKellips Rd. (\$2.2 million); Glendale, 51st Ave. Brown Ave. to Peoria Ave. (\$250,000); and Scottsdale, McDowell Rd. 77th St. to 64th St. (\$151,360). 2) Utilize the obligation authority available from the carried forward projects (\$2.6 million) to accelerate the purchase of transit vehicles from FY 1998 to FY 1997. 3) Request redistributed obligation authority from ADOT in order that the following existing projects be priorities to receive the full level of federal funding; additional amounts are: Mesa, Stapley Dr. Baseline Rd. To US 60 road widening (\$595,000); Peoria, traffic signals synchronization (\$143,000); Scottsdale, Pima Rd. Bike lanes (\$48,560); Tempe, Mill Avenue Bridge and Curry Rd., Mill Ave. To College Ave. Ped/bike lanes (total \$74,000).

GENERAL ITEMS

13. MAG Annual Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1996

Dennis
Smith

The accounting firm of Arthur Andersen LLP has completed the MAG Annual Audit for the year ending June 30, 1996. This Audit indicates that MAG conducted its activities in conformance with the laws and regulations governing federal financial assistance programs and according to generally accepted accounting principles. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the Audit. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. For information, discussion and acceptance of the MAG Annual Audit for the year ending June 30, 1996.

14. Proposed FY 1998 MAG Unified Planning Work Program

Dennis
Smith

Each year MAG develops a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to guide the regional planning effort. For the FY 1998 UPWP, the requested MAG dues are \$130,000. In addition, special assessments of \$25,000 for solid waste planning, \$60,000 for water quality planning, and \$30,000 for 9-1-1 services are being requested. On March 17, 1997, the Draft FY 1998 UPWP was sent to transportation and air quality agencies as part of the MAG conformity consultation process. A meeting of the Intermodal Planning Group (IPG) to review the UPWP was held on April 9, 1997. The Management Committee recommended approval of the FY 1998 UPWP. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14. For information, discussion and approval of the FY 1998 MAG UPWP; to amend the 1997 MAG UPWP to incorporate the reprogramming of funds; to approve the \$130,000 basic dues assessment, the \$25,000 solid waste special assessment, the \$60,000 water quality planning special assessment, and the \$30,000 9-1-1 special assessment; to authorize the Chairman of the Regional Council to execute the necessary documents to receive the funding; and to authorize the MAG Executive Director to make administrative changes to the UPWP, and execute the staffing contracts pursuant to the Work Program for transportation, financial, and legal services.